



FACT SHEET

MISSION

Mercer Island Youth & Family Services mission is to provide, coordinate and advocate for affordable, high quality human services for the community of Mercer Island. We are here to help!

PRIMARY PROGRAM AREAS:

Affordable counseling services for all Islanders, volunteering for youth, family and seniors, food pantry and other basic needs assistance for low-income island families, retail sales at local thrift shop, substance abuse intervention and prevention programs

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS:

- Counselors in all public island schools
- family/individual counseling on a sliding scale
- VOICE/SVP volunteer opportunities
- Community outreach to geriatric senior community
- Food pantry for Island families and individuals

WHERE WE SERVE ISLANDERS:

Luther Burbank Building at Luther Burbank Park

This is our main office location, from which we provide counseling, senior outreach, volunteer programs, food pantry and other basic needs assistance. Our Communities That Care project is also located here. Islanders seeking assistance or wanting to make donations come to this building.

Mercer Island Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is one of MIYFS revenue-generating programs. The Mercer Island Thrift Shop is located at 7710 SE 34th Street on the southeast corner of Mercerdale Park. The Thrift Shop is open for retail sales Monday through Friday 10 to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 to 5 p.m. Mercer Island Thrift Shop accepts donations (clothing, household goods and furnishings, art and collectibles) Monday through Saturday from 9 to 4 p.m., or by appointment, set up by calling 206-275-7760. The Thrift Shop is managed by paid staff, but is primarily operated by Island volunteers. If you would like to know more about donations, volunteering or supporting the Thrift Shop, please contact Suzanne Philen, the Thrift Shop Coordinator, 206-275-7753.

Mercer Island Schools

MIYFS has a professional counselor based at each of the five public schools on the island. Counselors provide counseling to children, adolescents and their families, school staff members and teachers. Counselors also coordinate group activities and classroom presentations to help students deal with personal difficulties and to promote healthy emotional and interpersonal development. At the high and middle schools, substance abuse services include intervention, education, intervention, assessment and referral.

HISTORY

MIYFS was founded in 1970, and we have been serving the Mercer Island community for over 30 years.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- We provide many human services for children, youth, couples, seniors and families on Mercer Island.
- We are the only organization in King County that provides counseling services on a sliding fee scale.
- Full-time professional staff are available to help assess your situation, and direct you to the proper place for direct service.
- Our goal is to help you meet your current social, financial and emotional needs. If we are not able to help you, we will refer to appropriate county-wide organizations who can help you.

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